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1. The North Korean troops of the 3 Battalion, (otherwise unidentified), in the vicinity of Andong on 17 August were all Koreans born in or residents of Manchuria. The majority volunteered for the Chinese Communist Army in Manchuria during the summer of 1949. They were transferred to the North Korean army in early February 1950, but still have their Chinese Communist Army identity cards.
2. Sixty percent of the troops are equipped with U.S. M-1 rifles and carbines; forty percent have Soviet rifles and submachine guns. Each company had 3 signal rifles, 7 mortars, and 10 machine guns, light and heavy. All wore North Korean army caps, but some were in police or South Korean uniforms.
3. Even during meals, the troops discussed the values of Communism. Morale appeared excellent.

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